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**MINUTES**  
**LPRAC Regular Commission Meeting**  
**December 19, 2012**  
**Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut**  
**5:29 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:	Ramón L. Arroyo, Yolanda Castillo, Richard A. Cruz, Isafas T. Díaz, Esq., Lourdes Montalvo, Ed Rodríguez, Dr. Eugene Salorio and Danny Torres
Commissioners Absent:	Honorable Migdalia Castro, Roberto Fernandez, Dr. Sonia Mañjon and Norma Rodríguez Reyes
Staff:	Werner Oyanadel, Acting Executive Director and Clarisa Cardone, Sr. Legislative Secretary

**Tape 1 A**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** called the meeting to order and asked Yolanda Castillo for roll call. Quorum was established.

**Public Participation:**

Marilyn Calderón, Executive Director of CT Parent Power from Windham, CT invited LPRAC to a vigil of unity and reflection for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting being organized at the State Capitol on the green, 12-28-12 possibly from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. She encouraged all LPRAC board members to attend.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made to approve the minutes of November 21, 2012 made by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Cruz.** Motion carries as follows:

**7 Yeas:** Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

**4 Absent:** Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañjon and Rodríguez-Reyes

**CHAIRPERSON'S/ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** asked for a brief moment of silence in memory of all the families affected by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. He mentioned that both Mr. Oyanadel and himself met with the President Pro Tempore, Senator Donald E. Williams on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 to discuss education issues in the legislature for the upcoming year.

**Motion made to approve the Chairperson's/Executive Director's report by Commissioner Arroyo and seconded by Commissioner Rodríguez.** Motion carries as follows:

**7 Yeas:** Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

**4 Absent:** Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañjon and Rodríguez-Reyes

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/TALENT BANK COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** tabled this report as Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes was not present at this meeting.

**PRIORITIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Cruz, Chairman** of this Committee recommended to LPRAC to link the priorities delineated under our mandate on RBA and prioritize Education and Self-Sufficiency for the 2013 legislative Session. He also recommended that LPRAC speak to our Legislative Appointing Authorities about the need to increase our Board membership due to the high number of vacancies currently available at LPRAC and requested a formal vote to discuss two letters submitted to all members of LPRAC by the staff regarding access to driver's licenses for immigrants and access to financial aid to Latino dreamers. Finally, he encouraged all members of the LPRAC to help him and the staff attending the Priorities and Legislation Committee meetings in 2013 so that the committee may increase the quality and quantity of the legislative work as mandated by state law for the upcoming year.

**Motion made to approve the Priorities & Legislation Committee report by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Montalvo.** Motion carries as follows:

**7 Yeas:** Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

**4 Absent:** Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañjon and Rodríguez-Reyes

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Torres, Chair for this committee tabled this report.

## **RBA COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Montalvo said that both RBA's that have been conducted in the past couple of months have been very successful, one in housing and one that we joined the Health Equity Commission. We are going to be planning in the beginning of the year another one.

Motion made to accept the RBA report made by Commissioner Rodríguez and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion approved as follows:

7 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

4 Absent: Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañon and Rodríguez-Reyes

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made for LPRAC to lend its support and blessing to the CT Parent Power vigil made by Commissioner Arroyo and seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion approved as follows:

7 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

4 Absent: Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañon and Rodríguez-Reyes

Motion made to accept the letter with language that is in your package to send to Legislators made by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Rodríguez. Motion approved as follows:

7 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

4 Absent: Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañon and Rodríguez-Reyes

Motion made for the LPRAC Chairman and Acting Executive Director to send out two letters by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioners Rodríguez and Montalvo. Motion approved as follows:

7 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

4 Absent: Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañon and Rodríguez-Reyes

Commissioner Arroyo mentioned that the save the date for the Legislative Reception does not have the address of where it will be held.

Mr. Oyanadel thanked Commissioner Arroyo but assured him that there will be an official invitation sent with all the information.

Commissioner Montalvo introduced a delegation from her town in Willimantic, Cicely Soto who is sitting in the back room and Juan Flores who works at Windham Hospital, a community hospital in Willimantic. Commissioner Montalvo stated that they are in Hartford today to work with our elected officials on education issues as they relate to the Willimantic school system.

Commissioner Torres reminded everyone that he still has the 100 gunlocks in his garage and maybe we can reach out to Newtown, maybe the Health Department or with the people here to be able to give them out.

Chairman Díaz, Esq. said that it is fine with him; he asked Commissioner Torres to develop a plan that delineates how he plans to roll-out this program so that we make it happy as soon as possible.

Commissioner Torres said that he will coordinate with Commissioner Montalvo and take care of it.

Motion made to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion approved as follows:

7 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Dr. Salorio and Torres

4 Absent: Commissioners Castro, Fernández, Dr. Mañon and Rodríguez-Reyes

Commissioner Castro came in at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Yolanda Castillo, Secretary  
LPRAC Board

YC:cjc